

Claims

- [c1] 1.A basketball training device comprising:
a bearing with one side capable of being rotated with respect to the other
one side of which is attached to an item selected from the following group: a plurality of hooks, and a goal support;
the other side of which is attached to an item selected from the following group: a facsimile goal, and a chute
whereby balls can be returned to any area of the court.
- [c2] In accordance with claim 1 further that said basketball training device can be attached to and removed from a basketball goal by use of said hooks and a shepherds crook
whereby a ladder is required for neither installation nor removal.
- [c3] In accordance with claim 1 further that said chute can be attached to and removed from said bearing by means of said shepherds crook,
whereby a ladder is not required for installation and removal of said chute.

- [c4] In accordance with claim 1 further that said hooks are made of a strong but springy material whereby it is difficult for said hook to be removed from the basketball goal by a basketball hitting it.
- [c5] In accordance with claim 1 further that said plurality of hooks fold allowing the device to be substantially smaller whereby the device can be more easily transported and stored.
- [c6] In accordance with claim 1 further that said chute is foldable allowing said chute to be substantially smaller whereby said chute can be more easily transported and stored.
- [c7] In accordance with claim 1 further that passage of the ball through said basketball goal is restricted by one of the items selected from the following group said bearing, said facsimile hoop, said hooks, and said chute whereby making shots is more difficult.
- [c8] In accordance with claim 1 further that said device does not rest on the floor of the basketball court whereby it does not impede the area of play.
- [c9] In accordance to claim 1 further that said bearing includes an item selected from the following group a plu-

ality of ball bearings, and a plurality of cylinder bearings whereby smooth rotation between the two sides is facilitated.

[c10] In accordance with claim 1 further that the means by which the bearing is attached to said basketball goal does not interfere with the top surface of said basketball goal whereby balls striking this surface will behave as the normally do despite the fact that device is attached.

[c11] In combination a device comprising
an item selected from the following group a facsimile of a basketball goal, and a chute;
whereby balls can be directed away from the basketball court, which is connected to one side of a rotatable bearing member consisting of at least two parts rotatable with respect to each other;
whereby the direction of the basketball return can be easily changed, the other side of which is connected to
a means to attach to a basketball goal selected from the following group a plurality of hooks and the basketball goal's support
whereby the device can be connected to a basketball goal either temporarily or permanently

- [c12] In accordance with claim 11 further that said device can be attached to and removed from a basketball goal by use of said hooks and a shepherds crook, whereby a ladder is not required for installation or removal.
- [c13] In accordance with claim 12 further that said hooks are made of a strong but springy material such that it is difficult for said hooks to be removed from the basketball goal by a basketball hitting it whereby said hook will not inadvertently come loose from said basketball goal.
- [c14] In accordance with claim 11 further that said plurality of hooks fold allowing the device to be substantially smaller whereby the device can be more easily transported and stored.
- [c15] In accordance with claim 11 further that said chute can be attached to and removed from said bearing by means of said shepherds crook whereby a ladder is not required to install or remove said chute.
- [c16] In accordance with claim 11 further that said chute is foldable allowing the device to be substantially smaller when not in use then

whereby said chute can be more easily transported and stored.

[c17] In accordance with claim 11 further that passage of the ball through said basketball goal is restricted by one of the items selected from the following group said bearing, said facsimile hoop, said hooks, and said foldable chute whereby making shots is more difficult.

[c18] In accordance with claim 11 further that said device does not rest on the floor of the basketball court whereby it does not impede the area of play.

[c19] A method of returning basketballs to any area of the court, comprising the steps of:
placing ball bearings between an inner and outer bearings,
securing the method of access used to insert said bearings;
attaching an item selected from the following group a facsimile hoop and chute only device, and a chute to said outer bearing;
attaching one or more hooks to the said inner bearing via hinges, whereby said hooks can be folded for more convenient transportation;
attaching a shepherds hook to a pole via nuts and bolts

to form a shepherd's crook;
inserting one of said hooks into said shepherd crook;
lifting to the level of a basketball hoop; engaging said
hook onto said basketball hoop;
disengaging said shepherd's crook from said hook;
repeating this process until all of said hooks are attached
to said basketball hoop whereby basketballs may be re-
turned to any area of the court.